AMENDMENT NO. 45 TO ORDINANCE 3-1980

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 1980 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER TO SET WEIGHT LIMITS ON COUNTY-OWNED AND COUNTY-MAINTAINED BRIDGES AND TO CLOSE COUNTY-OWNED AND COUNTY-MAINTAINED BRIDGES PENDING REPAIR OF THE SAME PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER IN THE VEHICLE CODE, ACT OF JUNE 17, 1976, P.L. 162 NO 81 § 1 ET SEQ, 75 PA C.S.A. § 101 ET SEQ." BY AMENDING WEIGHT LIMITS ON DESIGNATED COUNTY OWNED BRIDGES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the County of Mercer, Pennsylvania, has previously enacted into law Ordinance 3 of 1980 for the purposes, policies and by the authority set forth in the Preamble of the said Ordinance No. 3-1980, the Board of Commissioner of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, hereby intend to amend the aforementioned Ordinance as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED as follows:

Section 1. Section One (1) of Ordinance 3-1980 shall be amended to read as follows:

MAXIMUM WEIGHT OF CERTAIN BRIDGES

The maximum permissible weight limits on the County-owned bridges listed shall be as follows:

BRIDGE NO.*	MUNICIPALITY	WEIGHT LIMIT In Tons (Post)	(Comb)
118	Greene	17	29
199	Greene	23	28
204	Sugar Grove	21	31
208	Sugar Grove	10	
503	Deer Creek	23	32
815	Greenville Borough	18	33
850	Greenville Borough	29	40
904	Otter Creek	22	25
950	Otter Creek	32	40
1202	Mill Creek	14	20
1207	Mill Creek	19	34
1308	Pymatuning	16	29
1311	Pymatuning	22	36
1505	Fairview	11	20
1512	Fairview	37	
1602	Lake Township	26	29
1851	South Pymatuning	10	
2007	Coolspring	16	24
2107	Jackson	27	30
2322	Hermitage	19	24
2337	Sharon	17	30
2339	Sharon	13	24
2350	Sharon	11	17
2606	East Lackawannock	09	13
3011	Springfield	14	25
3101	Pine	27	
3207	Liberty	33	
3209	Liberty	15	

Section 2. Section Two (2) of Ordinance 3-1980 shall be amended to read as follows:

CLOSING OF CERTAIN BRIDGES

The bridges listed below shall be closed and shall remain closed until such bridges are repaired:

BRIDGE NO.*	MUNICIPALITY
124	Greene Township
250	Sugar Grove
803	Greenville Borough
1015	Perry Township
1017	Perry Township
1606	Lake Township
1801	Pymatuning Township
1850	South Pymatuning Township
2108	Jackson Township
2329	Sharon
2805	Shenango Township
7001	Coolspring Township

Section 3. Other Bridges

All other County-owned bridges shall be opened for use by the public. These bridges, although not posted, are restricted to the maximum weight restriction of 80,000 pounds as permitted under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 4. Bridge Department to Post Bridges

The Bridge Department of the County of Mercer shall have the authority to post the County owned bridges of the County with signs pursuant to this ordinance.

Section 5. Penalties

Any person operating a vehicle or combination upon a highway or bridge in violation of a prohibition or restriction imposed under Section 1 is guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of $75, except that any person convicted of operating a vehicle with a gross weight limit in excess of a posted weight shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of $150 plus $150 for each 500 pounds, or part thereof, in excess of 3,000 pounds over the maximum allowable weight. Upon conviction for a violation of Section 4902 (relating to Restrictions on Use of Highways and Bridges), a surcharge of $225 will be assessed.

Section 6. Severability

The words, phrases, clauses, sentences, and sections of this ordinance are severable so that of any one or more of such words, phrases, clauses, sentences, or sections is unconstitutional or illegal than that unconstitutional or illegal portion shall be severed so as not to render any other word, phrase, clause, sentence or section unconstitutional or illegal.

Section 7.

All other ordinances of the County of Mercer, Pennsylvania, not inconsistent herewith shall remain in full force and effect, and all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

* The number of the bridges owned by the County on Section 1 and Section 2 of this ordinance correspond to the numbers of the bridges as contained in the records of the Mercer County Bridge Department.

Enacted this 18th day of January 2024 by the Commissioners of Mercer County at their regularly scheduled meeting.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE
MERCER COUNTY, PA

Attest and Seal

Ann Coleman, Chair

William Finley, Jr., Commissioner

Timothy M. McGonigle, Commissioner